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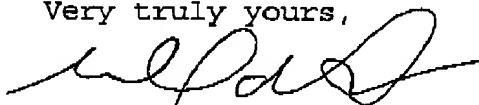
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Dear Examiner Chen:

Enclosed is an Amendment in this application, responsive to the June 4, 2004 Office Action.

Please contact me if there are any further questions.

Very truly yours,



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In re the Patent Application of :
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed in this application on June 4, 2004, setting a shortened statutory period for response to expire September 4, 2004, kindly amend the application as follows:

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